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Letter dated 7 February 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the French and English versions of a communiqué of the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the situation in Afghanistan, issued on 7 February 1994.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Antonios EXARCHOS
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: English and French]

Communiqué of the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the situation in Afghanistan dated 7 February 1994

The European Union expresses its deep concern over the large-scale fighting in Afghanistan, which causes mass suffering among the civilian population and a new mass exodus of refugees and which disrupts efforts to establish a political process that would lead to a broad-based peace.

The European Union therefore fully supports the Security Council's presidential statement of 24 January 1994 (S/PRST/1994/4) calling for an immediate cessation of hostilities in Afghanistan and the beginning of a political process to create a broad-based Government acceptable to the Afghan people.

Furthermore, the European Union expresses its full support to the efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General and his Personal Representative and to the humanitarian work of the United Nations and other agencies active in Afghanistan to alleviate the suffering caused by the conflict in that country.

The European Union also commends the efforts of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and a number of concerned States in the search for a negotiated political settlement in Afghanistan.